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## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 2327  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002, Applicant respectfully submit the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

## IN THE CLAIMS

**Please amend Claims 16, 20 and 25 as follows:**

**16. (Amended)** A marine outboard drive comprising a housing having an outer surface and at least one recessed area lying next to and being recessed relative to a portion of the outer surface, a steering shaft pivotal about a steering axis, at least one mounting mechanism being disposed in the recessed area and being coupled to the steering shaft and to the housing, and a pair of cover members configured to lie generally flush with at least the portion of the outer surface of the housing, each one of the cover members having a front portion with a front surface slanting